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LEO DROZDOFF APPOINTED AS NEW ADMINISTRATOR OF THE NEVADA DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

CARSON CITY—The Director of the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, Allen Biaggi, today announced the promotion of Leo Drozdoff to Administrator for the Division of Environmental Protection. The position was vacated when Biaggi, who served as the NDEP administrator since 1998, was appointed in July of this year by Gov. Kenny Guinn to head the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

“As Deputy Administrator and then Acting Administrator, Leo assumed a leadership role on a broad range of environmental issues from water pollution control to mine reclamation and cleanup,” Biaggi said. “He’s a professional engineer and astute manager who is capable of navigating the Division of Environmental Protection through difficult and often controversial issues to preserve the future of Nevada’s environment.”

Drozdoft, 39, has been with the Division of Environmental Protection for nearly 14 years. He was hired as a staff engineer in 1991 and was named Chief of NDEP’s Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation in 1996. He also held the position of Chief of Water Pollution Control until he was named Deputy Administrator for the division in 2003. In addition to representing the Agency on numerous boards and commissions, Drozdoff is on the Board of Directors for the Ground Water Protection Council and has been Chairman since 2000 of the Nevada Board of Certification for Wastewater treatment plant operators. He earned a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa. in 1987 and a MBA from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1996. He is a Licensed Professional Civil Engineer in the State of Nevada.

“I’m honored to be asked to lead the Division of Environmental Protection,” Drozdoff said. “I’ve spent most of my professional career at NDEP and look forward to working with our very capable staff furthering the goals of this agency to protect public health and the environment.”

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